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The Chicago Strike.

Referring to the strike of street car

drivers and conductors the Chicago Inter-

Ocean says: "The first position, that the

strikers or their sympathizers had a right

to stop the cars, has been abandoned as

untenable." It appears, then, that there

were persons, besides the strikers them-

selves, who were at first disposed to main-

tain that theory.

Probably the swelling disorder in the

city, accompanied by broken heads—some

of them perhaps the heads of innocent

lookers-on—had something to do with

changing this view. Also it may have

occurred to those who looked with favor

on a policy of physical obstruction that in

such a city as Chicago, where Herr Most

and his co-laborers have been sowing the

seed of social death, a riot small in its be-

ginning might easily develop into a har-

vest of devastation.

From the statement of the case as given

by the Chicago newspapers it does not

seem that the carmen were well treated.

They had a right to refuse to submit to

that treatment, to quit work, if possible

to dissuade other men from taking their

places. They had no right to beat the

men who were willing to work and no

right to throw the cars from the track or

any other way to damage property.

When they went into this business they

began to lose public sympathy and they

placed themselves on ground very dan-

gerous to society. They were piling up

damages on every tax-payer in Chicago

thousands of those tax-payers like them-

selves wage-earners. By this kind of

work, pushed far enough, a mob could

confiscate the little homestead of every

man whose industry and thrift had gained

him one. After all the mob does not set-

tle the primary question.

While the world lasts men will suffer

wrong. We cannot have a perfect soci-

ety, though society is in duty bound to

see that justice is done as far as possi-

ble. To the extent that it is possible, to

protect the well-disposed weak from the

evil-disposed strong. Every man ought

to have a fair day's pay for a fair day's

work, and there is something wrong when

he can't get it. But the way to fair

compensation and just treatment does lie

through violence. That is the plan of

action of the savage, whose lot no civilized

being enjoys.

Building His Personal Party.

A correspondent who writes over the

name of "Independent," which correctly

characterizes him—a man who "wore the

gray" and wears a good deal of it still—

makes against President Cleveland a point

which we have not seen raised before.

He calls attention to the fact that while

President Cleveland holds it entirely in

order for the great heads of the party to

apply for the big place, he casts unmer-

ited reproach upon the young men who de-

sire the thousands of small places which

it is his privilege to give and which they

think they have a right to possess.

The criticism, as will be seen from the

article of "Independent," is sharply made.

It is one of the scandals of this adminis-

tration that aspirants for the thousands of

small public places are told that they must

rake up charges to defame their neighbors

before they can hope for preferment.

They must rake the gutter and the garbage

box, and if they did nothing there invent

something—anything—to give "cause" for

removal. Then there may be some chance

for them.

The President has not asked this of his

chums. He reserves that insolent demand

for the thousands who worked for him in

the ranks, who helped to carry their wards

and their counties for the ticket which he

was supposed to be Democratic. He in-

sults every man who holds an office and

every man who wants one.

This is the President's way of building

up a personal party. He is putting on a

very pretty roof, but his structure has no

walls and the foundation is not there.

Making Way for Patriots.

An Illinois postmaster has died—died

"dead as any herring." It is not said of

him that he died deliberately, and if so

whether it was to spite his wife, cheat

his creditors or for the more laudable

and humane purpose of making a place for

an "effective partisan" of the school of a re-

stored and progressive Jeffersonian De-

mocracy.

While death is to be regarded as a he-

roic remedy, there are even worse ways.

Some men would prefer to pass peacefully

out of office in this way to being put out

under charges that blacken character and

give no opportunity for defense.

Hilbert President Cleveland has in-

sisted upon charges, but it may be that a

certificate of death, signed by not less

than two physicians and sworn to before

a justice of the peace, would obviate the

nasty necessity of charges and serve the

same purpose. If Republican postmas-

ters can be induced to take an active

part in the work of reform as here in-

rosebuds, entwined with camellias, was lovingly enclosed. Upon the coffin-plate was the simple inscription: "Died June 20, 1885, aged 11 years and 1 month." Upon the casket and about the room was profusion of elegant and costly floral decorations, many bearing the compliments of prominent citizens. A number of the lady's friends and canine admirers were personally present to share in the common grief. Dandy, the bereaved half-brother, draped in heavy crape, mournfully sat upon a cushioned chair at the head of the coffin, evidently acutely conscious of the loss that had befallen him. The lady herself was dressed in mourning. After the body had been placed in state for some hours a gentleman friend, an artist, carefully drew down the lid of the casket, and bore the casket to a distant part of the city, from which they will be buried temporarily to-day. The lady, it is said, will later disinter the remains and bury them in a lot in Oakland, which she expects soon to purchase.

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